

Remarks

Claims 50-77 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 54-58, 62, 64-67, and 72-74 have been cancelled. The undersigned avers that no new matter is introduced by this amendment. Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 50-53, 59-61, 63, 68-71, and 75-77 are currently before the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

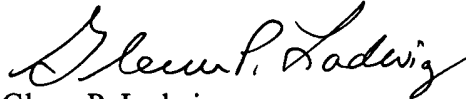
The applicants respectfully submit that claims 54-58, 62, 64-67, and 72-74 are not “proper multiple dependent claims” as defined by MPEP §608.01; hence, the multiple dependent claim fees are not required. However, by this Amendment, the applicants have cancelled the multiple dependent claims asserted to exist by the Office of Initial Patent Examination. Accordingly, the applicants request that the patent application fee determination record be reviewed and revised based on the claims as currently amended.

This amendment is also being made to conform the application with the provisions of 37 CFR §§1.821 through 1.825.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§1.16, 1.17, or 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: New pages 1-48 (Sequence Listing) of the subject specification